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JOHNSTON BOOSTER BASH: The Johnston Booster Club hosted a community event to celebrate the Dragon Spirit with students who participate in athletics, arts and activities Aug. 20 at Johnston Stadium. Inflatables, booths, games, food, fan gear and more were featured as well as opportunities to get the students' autographs and take photos. Manning the Johnston Boys Basketball Moms booth are, from left, Anne Schoenauer, Lisa Proctor, Heather Richardson and Tara Bauer. ■

JOHNSTON WEATHER FORECAST

TUES. HIGH 81 | LOW 58

Nice with plenty of sun

**WED. HIGH 81 | LOW 57**

Nice with plenty of sun

**THURS. HIGH 84 | LOW 62**

Mostly cloudy; a touch of rain

**FRI. HIGH 87 | LOW 64**

Mostly sunny

**SAT. HIGH 87 | LOW 64**

Plenty of sunshine



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

REMEMBER TV FORECASTS?

Do you remember when you relied on local TV news for weather forecasts? I do. Watching the 10 p.m. news was a ritual in the homes I grew up in and in the early years of my homes as an adult. The news was important, but the No. 1 reason we watched was for the weather reports. Mom made sure the room was quiet when the forecast was announced. The weather reporters — or forecasters or meteorologists or whatever you want to call them today — were household names and were people we felt like we knew and trusted for many years.

Today, we all have numerous sources for weather forecasts, and we can get the latest information with just a few swipes on our smart phones. And, unfortunately, many of those trusted household names on the local TV news are gone. Thank goodness for a few mainstays including Jeriann Ritter, Megan Salois, Brad Edwards, Ed Wilson and Jason Parkin. To be honest,

though, I had to check the station websites to be sure they were still there. When I do watch the local weather reports on TV, I seem to see a new face each time after yet another rookie moves on. I can't keep track of the changes, and I really don't want to. Apparently, I am not alone. So, what's changed?

In a single word, it's streaming. According to techreport.com, the growth of streaming services is causing a concerning decline in traditional TV viewership. The compound annual growth rate of the traditional TV market is predicted to be -2.11%. At the same time, the number of U.S. households with pay TV is expected to drop 50% by 2027. To be fair, a lot of people are still watching traditional TV, but it is in decline.

According to a Nielsen report from July of 2022, streaming surpassed traditional broadcast



and cable TV for the first time ever that month, with a 34.8% share of overall TV viewership. This trend hasn't changed. Nielsen data states that streaming had a 38.1% share of TV viewership for January 2023 and a 34.3% share for February.

So we are now apparently spending our time binge-viewing "Suits" on Netflix or "This Fool" on Hulu rather than watching some guy named Gabe go on about his Megadoppler.

All that is fine and dandy, but when the tornadoes roll in or the blizzards hit, we still grab our remote controls and view the local weather reports, searching for those trusted sources — assuming we have access to local channels, of course.

Have a great week, and thanks for reading. ■

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JOHNSTON BOOSTER BASH: THE JOHNSTON BOOSTER CLUB HOSTED A COMMUNITY EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE DRAGON SPIRIT WITH STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS, ARTS AND ACTIVITIES AUG. 20 AT JOHNSTON STADIUM.



A future Dragon track star races against some Johnston Cross Country girls.



Football seniors Taye Proctor, Collin Hodapp & JJ Shawn sign the 2023 Johnston Football team poster.



Braxden Smith enjoys the water balloon toss game with 2023 Johnston football players.

JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP'S CURRENT NEEDS

The Johnston Partnership provides food and personal hygiene products to those in need. Currently, the organization is in most need of baby wipes, deodorant, dish soap, laundry detergent and toilet paper. Donations can be dropped off at 5870 Merle Hay Road, Suite C, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m., and on Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ■

YOGA BY THE LAKE

The public is invited to more Yoga by the Lake this fall. Relax and unwind on Saturday mornings at the Terra Lake Amphitheater, 6300 Pioneer Parkway. Enjoy this free hour of outdoor yoga from 8-9 a.m. City recreation is partnering with IGNIT to offer each session taught by certified yoga instructor Rocío Valea. Dates are Sept. 2, Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. ■

SUMMER SERIES YOGA

Summer Series Yoga is held Tuesdays, Sept. 5 and 12, from 6-7 p.m. at The Lawn, 5870 Merle Hay Road. The event is free. A suggested \$5 donation goes directly to the food pantry. ■

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FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market is held Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m. through Sept. 26 on the north side of Johnston City Hall, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Shop for fresh produce and homemade products while being entertained by live music. For more information, visit www.cityofjohnston.com/farmersmarket. ■

MONTHLY MOVIES AFTER THE FARMERS MARKET

A movie will be shown once a month following the Farmers Market on the north side of Johnston City Hall, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Movies begin at dusk, around 8:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy the free show.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 26** – “American Underdog” ■

MONTHLY MUSIC AFTER THE FARMERS MARKET

Live music will be featured once a month following the Farmers Market on the north side of Johnston City Hall, 6245 Merle Hay Road. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m. on the stage just west of Johnston City Hall. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and enjoy the free music.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 12** – The Sons of Gladys Kravitz ■

CITY MEETINGS

- **Monday, Sept. 4:** City Office Buildings and Library closed for Labor Day
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- **Tuesday, Sept. 5:** City Council Work Session, 6 p.m. ■

SEEN IN JOHNSTON

JOHNSTON CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS WAS HELD AUG. 3 AT EDENCREST AT GREEN MEADOWS.



Brenda Ballard and Jenni Buchanan



Katie Woodward and Carson Odle



Samantha Winebrenner and Jay Mathes



Reonna Synder and Jennifer Sayers

FUNERAL NOTICES

Funeral notices can be emailed to tammy@iowalivingmagazines.com

ROSEMARY KAY ORPUT

Rosemary Kay Orput, 85, of Johnston, died Aug. 20, 2023, at Vintage Hills in Indianola. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date. Inurnment will be at Resthaven Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Animal Rescue League of Iowa or AHeinz57 Pet Rescue and Transport. For updates, visit www.mclarensresthavenchapel.com.



JOHNSTON LIBRARY

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Fall always feels like the start of things. School is back in session, new colors are popping up on trees, and sweaters are slowly making it back into the rotation. Here's what's new at Johnston Public Library this September:

JPL Story Hours are back. Don't miss out on stories, songs, crafts, puppet friends and more pre-literacy activities for little ones. Story Time Together is geared towards kids ages 18 months through pre-school age with their caregivers and is every Monday at 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies is perfect for ages 6-18 months and is every Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. No registration is required for these free story times.

September is also full of special events your kids will love including **Block Party** on Sept. 5, **Story Time with DART** on Sept. 12, **Rhythm & Rhymes** on Sept. 19, **JPL K-5 LEGO Club** on the second Monday of the month beginning Sept. 11, **Read Me a Book Club** on the third Monday of the month beginning Sept. 18, and Ramp & Roll on Sept. 25. And guess what? That's not even all of it. More information and event registration for all children's programming is available at johnstonlibrary.com/kids.

September is National Hunger Action Month. Take action! Help those in need in our community by dropping off non-perishable food items and personal health items at Johnston Public Library. At this time, the greatest need in the Johnston community is for personal health items, including toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex, laundry soap and soap/body wash, but healthy nonperishable food items are always welcome. All donated items will be distributed through the Johnston Partnership Food Pantry.

Currently, more than 55 million people worldwide

are living with dementia, including more than 6 million Americans. In collaboration with experts in the field, the Alzheimer's Association has created a list of warning signs to help people identify symptoms that may be related to Alzheimer's or another dementia. Join Marcia Dicks, volunteer community educator for Alzheimer's Association of Iowa, on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 11:30 a.m. for a **JPL Lunch and Learn: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's**. This presentation will be full of science-based information about common signs of dementia. Registration is appreciated for this free event.

Did you know that JPL has a year-long **Ultimate Reading Challenge** open to adults 18-plus? To complete the challenge, you need to read at least 18 books by the end of 2023 that fit into one of the many categories in the JPL Ultimate Reading Challenge Book Log. Read even more books to earn up to five prize entries. And don't miss the Monthly Bonus Categories and the final Meet-Up Party to earn additional entries for the grand prize drawing. Questions about the challenge? Call the library or email staff at info@johnstonlibrary.org.

Once you're signed up for the Ultimate Reading Challenge, come to JPL on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. to join other participants for an afternoon of food, drink and literary fun at the **Ultimate Reading Challenge Meet-Up!** Meet other JPL Challenge participants, discover new titles to add to your "to be read" list, and chat with others about that thriller or romance you just read. You'll earn one entry to the grand prize for each Meet-Up Event you attend. Registration is not required but is appreciated. More information about JPL events and resources can be found at www.johnstonlibrary.com or by giving the library a call at 515-278-5233. ■



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Sept. 29 through Oct. 8: "The Addams Family"

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DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS

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Des Moines

dmpa.org

Oct. 3-8: "Beetlejuice"

Oct. 10-11: "Bluey's Big Play"

DES MOINES COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE

831 42nd St., Des Moines

dmplayhouse.com

Sept. 8-24: "Once"

DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS THEATRE

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dmacc.edu/theatre/ankeny/Pages/welcome.aspx

Oct. 14-16, 20-23: "Eleanor and Dolly"

IOWA STAGE THEATRE COMPANY

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Sept. 15-24: "Athena"

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tallgrasstheatre.org

Sept. 1-17: "Temporary Insanity"

DES MOINES SYMPHONY

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Sept. 23-24: DM Symphony Season Debut: Discover
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Sept. 7: Taj Mahal and Los Lobos at 7 p.m.

Sept. 9: Herbie Hancock at 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 11: Snarky Puppy at 8 p.m.

Sept. 13: The Robert Cray Band at 8 p.m.

Sept. 15: The Mavericks 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 23: We Are Messengers: Where The Joy Is Tour
at 7 p.m.

Sept. 26: Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band at 8 p.m. ■

RECIPE

A FRESH-BAKED AFTER-SCHOOL SWEET

(Family Features) After a long day of learning or a tough homework assignment, many kids love a warm, chocolatey homemade cookie. Once your kiddos pack away the calculators and put their pencils down, serve up an ooey-goey delight as a reward for all that hard work.

These Brown Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies are ready in just 30 minutes and made with high-quality ingredients you can count on like C&H Dark Brown Sugar for that familiar homemade flavor. ■

BROWN BUTTER CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Yield: 18 cookies

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups C&H Dark Brown Sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Directions

In medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter and cook until foaming and golden brown. Remove from heat and transfer to heatproof bowl. Place in refrigerator until solidified, about 45 minutes.

In medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

Once butter has solidified, remove from refrigerator. In bowl of electric stand mixer, using paddle attachment, beat butter and sugar at medium speed 2-3 minutes until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, and vanilla. Mix until combined. Scrape sides of



bowl as needed. Reduce speed, add flour mixture and beat to combine. Add pecans and chocolate chips; mix at low speed until combined. Place dough in refrigerator and rest 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 F and line baking sheets with parchment paper.

Using 2-ounce ice cream scoop, portion out dough on prepared baking sheets, spacing about 3 inches apart. Gently flatten dough balls using palm.

Bake 13-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheets 10 minutes then transfer to wire rack. Serve warm.

MAYOR DIERENFELD INDUCTED INTO IOWA WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

The 2023 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame inductees were recently announced by the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. Johnston Mayor Paula Dierenfeld was among the inductees. She is currently the longest-serving female mayor in Iowa, having served since 2008. An induction ceremony for the honorees was held Saturday, Aug. 26, at the State Capitol Rotunda.

Mayor Paula Dierenfeld has a long and distinguished career in law and public service. She spent 15 years working in state and federal government positions that included being a staff member to a U.S. Senator, legal counsel to the governor of Iowa, an Iowa Utilities Board Commissioner and staff director in the Iowa Legislature. She went on from government to practice law for 22 years at the Nyemaster Goode law firm.

She was elected to the Johnston City Council in 1999, where she completed two terms before being elected as mayor in 2008. Over the course of Mayor Dierenfeld's leadership, Johnston has flourished with substantial growth and prosperity. The city's population has swelled from approximately 8,000 to more than 26,000 residents, accompanied by a 25% expansion in land area. During her tenure, vital infrastructure projects were accomplished, including a new public safety building, city hall, Town Center, a sprawling 200-acre city park, and an extensive network of 50 miles of recreational trails.

Mayor Dierenfeld has led efforts at the local level to wipe out sex-trafficking massage parlors in Iowa cities. She drafted the first city ordinance authorizing a city to investigate and verify the legitimacy of a massage business before its operating in a community. The Johnston ordinance has become a model for other Iowa cities to follow.

She has become an inspiration for females of all ages, promoting participation, competition, and excellence in sports. A dedicated runner since her early 20s, she has completed more than two dozen marathons. Her passion for running has also translated into significant philanthropy. She has raised nearly \$58,000 over nine years for the Johnston Partnership Food Pantry through the annual Mayor's Run for Food. As if her running isn't enough, at age 60, she learned to swim and has become an advocate for people of all ages to learn this life-saving skill.

Now retired from her law practice, she manages her family's farm in Sac City while continuing to serve as Johnston's mayor. This phase of life allows Mayor Dierenfeld to spend more quality time with her husband, three children, 13 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. ■



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